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ADC, DHS sign MOU to expedite removal of criminal aliens

Following up on the Law Enforcement Immigration Summit held over the summer in Flagstaff, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Special Agent-in-Charge Roberto G. Medina and Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) Director Dora Schriro announced on Sept. 20 that ICE would train and certify ADC officers to perform certain federal immigration enforcement functions that would streamline the process of deporting criminal aliens housed in Arizona's prisons.



ICE Special Agent in Charge Roberto Medina and ADC Director Dora Schriro announced the MOU at a press conference on Sept. 20.

Photo: Paul Connors/AP

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ACJC to partner with NIJ, NFSTC to produce crime lab benchmarks

The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) has entered into a partnership with the Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and the National Forensic Science and Technology Center (NFSTC) to formulate forensic laboratory performance measures and comprehensive program evaluations.

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ACJC's Systems Improvement Program Manager Appointed to National Board

Pat Nelson, ACJC's program manager for systems improvement, was appointed to the Board of Directors for the National Association for Justice Information Systems (NAJIS) in September.

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DUI grants awarded

The Council on Driving or Operating Under the Influence Abatement approved a new round of grants for enforcement. The funds will cover overtime expenses. Click [here](#) for a list grantees.

Rep. Kolbe works for re-authorization of SCAAP through FY11

As the House considered the Department of Justice (DOJ) re-authorization bill, Arizona Rep. Jim Kolbe offered a floor amendment that would re-authorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program through FFY2011. The amendment increases SCAAP funding to the following levels: FY '06—\$750 million; FY '07 —\$850 million; FY '08-FY '11—\$950 million each year. The Senate offered a bill with similar language, S 188, to re-authorize SCAAP.

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Zylon vest class action deadlines pending

The Arizona Attorney General's Office has issued a memo regarding the Zylon class action suit. This contains important deadlines (to exclude your agency from the action, you must do so by Oct. 21). See the Attorney General's notice on [ACJC's web site](#).

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month

Each October, in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, activities are planned across the state to increase awareness about domestic violence in Arizona. Visit the [Arizona Department of Health Services web site](#) for a list of events.